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LETTER OF DEFICIENCY
WMB PBF 03-25
July 3, 2003

Dear Mr. Fontaine:

The Department of Environmental Services, Water Division ("DES") is required by RSA 485-A:26 to operate a program to ensure the health and safety of the public when using public bathing facilities such as pools and spas. To implement this program, DES has adopted administrative rules Env-Ws 1101-1105 to specify the design, operation, and maintenance requirements for public bathing facilities. DES reviews applications for new public bathing facilities and also inspects and tests the water in existing public bathing facilities to ensure that applicable requirements are being met.

On June 23, 2003, DES inspected the pool at the Ammonoosuc Campground in Carroll, NH ("the Pool"). During this inspection, the following deficiencies were noted:

- 1 A recommendation to close and super chlorinate the Pool was issued on June 23, 2003. The inspection on June 23, 2003 revealed that the Pool was in violation of Env-Ws 1103.14 and unsafe for public use. The following bacterial violations were observed in the Pool water:

Pursuant to Env-Ws 1103.14(a)(1) the maximum allowable concentration of total coliform bacteria and *Escherichia coli* in public bathing facility water is zero counts per one hundred milliliters (0CTS/100mL). The Pool water contained 1 CTS/100mL of total coliform bacteria.

- b. The maximum allowable concentration of non-coliform bacteria in public bathing facility water is two hundred counts per one hundred milliliters (200 CTS/100mL). The Pool water contained greater than 200 CTS/100mL.

Env-Ws 1103.15(c) requires a free residual chlorine concentration between 1.0 mg/L and 3.0 mg/L in public pool water. The free chlorine residual of the Pool water was less than 0.1 mg/L on June 23, 2003.

- 3 Env-Ws 1103.15(d) requires a pH between 7.0 and 7.8 in public pool water. The pH of the Pool water was 4.5 on June 23, 2003.
- 4 Pursuant to Env-Ws 1103.15(a), disinfection of pool water shall be achieved by positive displacement pump type unit providing hypochlorination or by an erosion unit using either hypo-chlorite or bromine tablets with control of the erosion rate. The Pool erosion unit was not functioning.
- 5 Pursuant to Env-Ws 1104.03(b), the operator shall be responsible for posting conspicuously displayed signs informing patrons of the DES rules relative to patron responsibilities (enclosed copy) and any other safety rules developed by the bathing facility management. Complete patron rules were not posted at the Pool at the time of the inspection.
- 6 Pursuant to Env-Ws 1104.03(c), signs shall provide the location of the nearest telephone. The location of the nearest telephone was not posted at the Pool at the time of the inspection.
- 7 Env-Ws 1104.03(e)(1) states that the depth of water in feet shall be plainly and conspicuously marked at or above the water line on the vertical pool wall and on the top of the coping or edge of the deck or walk next to the pool. The depth of the Pool was not marked on the vertical pool wall of the Pool.

A report outlining how compliance will be achieved with the cited deficiencies should be submitted to DES within 30 calendar days from receipt of this letter. The report should include the following:

A copy of two weeks of water quality test results for all facilities (please do not send originals).

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2. The type, manufacture, and model of the chlorine feeder to be installed.
3. A timetable of when:
 - a. the depth will be marked;
 - b. patron rules will be posted; and
 - c. the installation of the chlorine feeder will be completed.

DES personnel will conduct another inspection at a later date to determine whether you have come into, and are maintaining, full compliance with RSA 485-A:26 and Env-Ws 1101-1105. After a violation of Env-Ws 1103.14, the facility will be required to pass two inspections in the following months. In the event that compliance is not achieved, DES may take further action, including seeking an administrative fine up to \$2,000 for each offense or referring the case to the NH Attorney General's Office for judicial action.

We appreciate your cooperation in this matter. Please contact Amy Wilson at (603) 271-7108 if you have any questions regarding this letter. Copies of Env-Ws 1101-1105 are available through the DES Public Information Center at (603) 271-2975 or via the Internet at <http://www.des.state.nh.us/pools/env1100.pdf>.

Sincerely,
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